



## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0014] as follows:

[0014] An absorbent article, ~~such as a diaper, incontinence guard, sanitary napkin or the like, has longitudinal and transverse directions, front and rear portions and a crotch portion therebetween, said article comprising~~ comprises an absorbent core including at least one fluid storage member, at least one fluid distribution layer overlapping and being in fluid contact with the fluid storage member and at least one fluid receiving layer arranged in at least the crotch area of the article in direct or indirect fluid contact with the fluid distribution layer and the fluid storage layer, said fluid storage layer, said fluid distribution layer and said fluid receiving layer each having longitudinal end edges that extend along the longitudinal direction and transverse end edges that extend along the transverse direction. At least one fluid barrier is arranged to extend in the transverse direction of the article. The fluid distribution layer is disposed to extend in the crotch portion and in at least a substantial portion of one of the waist portions of the article and is absent in at least a substantial part of the opposite waist portion of the article so as to promote fluid flow from the crotch portion towards said one waist portion. The fluid barrier is arranged at or in close proximity to one of the transverse end edge edges of the fluid receiving ~~distribution~~ layer, located in or adjacent the crotch portion of the article, said fluid barrier extending through at least a substantial part of the thickness of said fluid receiving layer.